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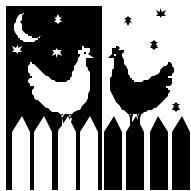
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment across the country ranged from barely steady to instances firm. Demand was reported as light to mostly fair, both at primary and first receivers, as well as retail outlets. Feature activity that was in progress drew little interest with additional ads being planned in most areas. Offerings of WOGs were at least adequate, while boneless breast showed signs of improvement. Dark meat items, although clearing, remained draggy at most points. Front halves continued to be short of needs with higher asking prices shown to secure limited availability. Wings continued to receive a good call. Fast food business was reported as moderate. Slaughter schedules were serviced by adequate field supplies at desirable weights.

### GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.00 cents last year on the 19th of January, 2000.

#### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	128.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.00
WINGS	94.50

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 01/13/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	178,984	180,679
CHICKS PLACED	143,909	144,745

PERCENT CHANGE
PREVIOUS YEAR
-01
-01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 179 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 13, 2001. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 13, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through January 13, 2001 were 286 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 145.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 52.67 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate. Buyers interest moderate. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts with balance of parts generally steady.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light to fair, best for retail ads and fast food promotions with limited trading. Supplies were more balanced, but still capable of handling immediate needs. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts and fronts were close balanced to tight and sought even at higher asking prices. Wings were barely adequate and clearing well, and all other items were at least adequate with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Additional Wog and whole bird offerings were fully sufficient. Movement into all channels was seasonally slow to fair with an occasionally good noted in the Chicago area into food service accounts. Retail features were plentiful on a full range of items in an attempt to stimulate consumer interest which was noted as mixed, mostly limited. Floor stocks were in a full range with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was light to moderate at best with buyers cautious and selective. Supplies of wings and whole breasts balanced to short of needs and all other items fully adequate. The trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm on wings and whole breasts, about steady the remainder of items.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of all sizes were usually balanced to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were increasingly tight, however, boneless-skinless breasts were generally adequate. Wings were generally sufficient and the active interest seen in earlier trading had begun to taper. The balance of parts were more than sufficient.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained about moderate and was generally noted as sufficient in keeping the bulk of offerings in good balance to occasionally short. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processingschedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Bone-in breasts remained short of an active call. Boneless skinlessbreasts were well balanced and additional offerings were held with confidence. Wings were in good balance. Other cuts were at leastadequate. \*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

#### BRANDED

#### U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.59
NO. OF BOXES	10,275
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	819	102.00-195.00	125-135	128.73
TENDERLOINS	187	130.00-170.00	135-140	141.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	60.00-64.00	-	60.88
FRONT HALVES	95	47.50-52.00	-	49.50
LEGS	86	27.00-41.00	28-30	29.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	16.00-20.00	16-17	16.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,625	19.00-23.50	21-22	21.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	82	91.00-98.00	91-93	93.29
WINGS (CUT)	504	87.00-118.00	101-104	104.58
DRUMSTICKS	48	32.00-41.00	-	33.12
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JANUARY 17, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.75 - 36.00	33.09	31.61

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was limited today, although, dealers were assessing the market and attempting to secure product. Offerings of bone-in breasts were increasingly limited in availability and were mostly tight overall. However, boneless-skinless breasts were generally sufficient. Wings were usually adequate, and dark meat parts were available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL  
 TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

JAN 16, 2001				JAN 17, 2001			
ITEM	NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	117.24	636,890	BREAST - B/S	115-120	119.17	624,280
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.96	125,936	TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.67	97,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	60.42	317,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	61.99	288,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	56.65	162,440	BREAST - LINE RUN	55	59.11	162,000
LEGS	33-34	35.97	178,880	LEGS	33-34	37.04	199,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.36	564,234	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.03	613,967
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.15	209,550	DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.75	164,820
THIGHS	29-30	29.04	215,690	THIGHS	29-30	31.61	178,600
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.58	55,880	B/S THIGHS	78-79	80.03	49,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.22	290,960	WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.20	343,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	93,200	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	98,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.58	30,975	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.23	32,340
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.96	114,290	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.95	121,200

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL
	01/17	01/16	01/15	01/12	01/15	01/12	01/10
ALA	3,574	3,858	2,376	4,288	4.97	5.01	3,887
ARK	5,010	5,342	5,048	6,563	4.95	4.97	4,897
DELMARVA	2,314	2,352	975	2,567	5.27	4.89	2,337
KY-LA-TN	1,921	1,891	1,341	1,883	4.36	4.42	2,000
MISS	2,742	2,577	1,088	3,011	4.51	4.92	2,731
NC	2,596	2,605	1,628	3,123	5.70	5.53	2,608
TEXAS	2,269	2,323	1,782	2,280	4.63	4.76	2,267
TOTAL	20,426	20,948	14,238	23,715	4.93	4.97	20,727
MON-WED	55,473(A)						
							62,372

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Jan 01 and is estimated to be 30,560,000 down 1.97 percent from a week ago and down 2.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,330,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	105-112
	ICE PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN-20-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/20/01 (1)	01/13/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	148,446 (2)	156,754
LT HENS	1,729	1,908
HVY HENS	1,357	1,276
CHECK TOTAL	151,532	159,938

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Jan-01 is 147.6 million head compared to 158.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.7 million head or 1.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-Jan-01 the estimated available is 151.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 15-Jan-01	82,572	69,464
AM 1-Jan-01	68,786	74,663
CHG	13,786	-5,199
PCT CHG	20	-7

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/15/01	01/08/01	01/17/00	01/15/01	01/08/01	01/17/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,681	4,615	6,281	5,516	5,687	12,150
LOS						
ANGELES	100	108	163	1,771	1,531	3,079

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 01/16/01

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	.90	.56	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.75	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.30	.45	.37	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	1.50	1.20	ROOSTERS ea.	-	7.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.15	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	3.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.10	.80	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.40	1.26	RABBITS ea.	1.50	3.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	4.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	4.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	3.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 96

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2001

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-63
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 12, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/Thighs	Necks,Backs Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	60.25	133.37	87.38	27.59	6.90	41.39
High	61.90	151.77	110.38	34.49	9.20	45.99
Mostly	60.25	137.97	101.18	32.19	8.28	43.87
SAN JUAN						
Low	57.95	133.37	87.38	23.00	4.60	40.93
High	61.63	156.37	114.98	39.09	9.20	45.53
Mostly	60.71	137.97	101.18	29.89	6.90	43.69
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	57.95	133.37	91.98	27.59	5.52	43.69
High	64.02	156.37	114.98	39.09	9.20	48.29
Mostly	61.81	142.57	101.18	32.19	8.28	43.69
BECERRA						
Low	59.24	137.97	87.38	25.29	6.90	44.79
High	62.09	156.37	110.38	36.79	9.20	45.53
Mostly	59.33	147.17	96.58	32.19	8.28	44.79

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